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## Society's New Display at R.P.P. Headquarters

Mr. C. E. Jordan, the Society's Head of Appeals Projects Department, points out a feature of the display now in the entrance hall of R.P.P. Headquarters in Bristol to the Chairman, Mr. D. S. Arter. Mr. Arter thought the design, which includes panels about Schools and Centres, new projects and the S.O.S., very effective.



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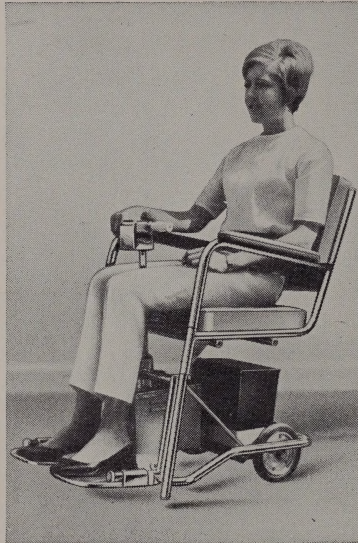
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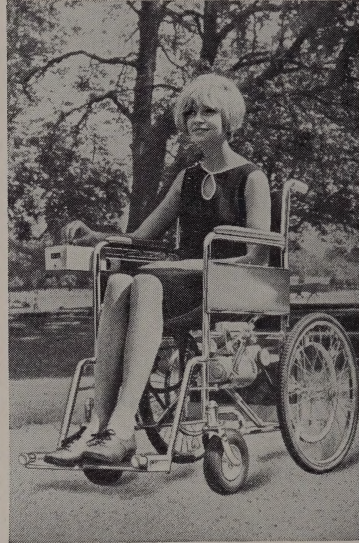
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*This month, instead of the Society's usual symbol, we reproduce a photograph of a piece of lead sculpture on the same theme. It was done by Mr. Cyril Heard, maintenance engineer at Thomas Delarue School, in his spare time, and is a most expressive piece of work*

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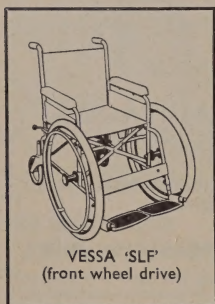
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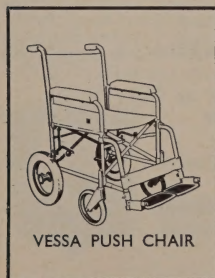


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## An article outlining the phenomenal growth of The Friends of Spastics League

# the Spastics League Story



The Regional Pool Promotions' offices are housed in a fine modern building in Bristol

IT WILL BE 10 YEARS this month since Regional Pool Promotions Ltd. launched the competition which has meant so much to The Spastics Society. This anniversary is being marked by a function to be held in Bristol later this month and honorary officers of the Society and its chief executive and S.O.S. representatives have been invited to be present.

This article gives some remarkable facts and figures about the R.P.P. organisation and its achievements.

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Ten years ago Regional Pool Promotions Limited launched the Spastics Pool. In doing so, they were instrumental in marking the beginning of a great step forward in the finances and fortunes of The Spastics Society.

By 1957, R.P.P. had already established a successful business in running small football competitions as a means of fund raising for various Clubs and Associations.

After an approach had been made to them by R.P.P., the secretary of the Bristol Spastics Group contacted the Society, and suggested that a competition of this type could become a profitable means of fund raising for spastics.

After some discussion, it was agreed between the Society and R.P.P. that a special spastics competition should be set up. Twopence out of every shilling would be donated to spastics through a new administrative organisation—The Friends of Spastics League. The immediate aim was to reach a membership of 100,000—a somewhat ambitious target, thought Mr. Douglas Arter, the present Chairman of the Company.

Ambitious or not, the target was quickly reached—and passed. Within a few years, membership was being counted in millions and currently stands at around the six million mark.

As a result, The Spastics Society have become very much financially dependent on R.P.P. via the Friends of Spastics League. In fact, more than half the

Society's annual income has been derived from this source. (As members know, recent legislation on betting duty has adversely affected this.) All told, more than £17,500,000 has been donated to charity by R.P.P. since 1957, and of that amount, some £14 millions has gone to spastics all over Britain, the balance to other charitable causes.

What was initially a somewhat parochial affair is now world-wide and there are members as far away as Australia. There is hardly a country in the free world where there aren't groups or members. H.M. Forces, for instance, have been responsible for the growth of the competition in Germany. Emigrants to Canada have kept up their membership over there. In South Africa, too, members contribute their weekly shillings to the competition.

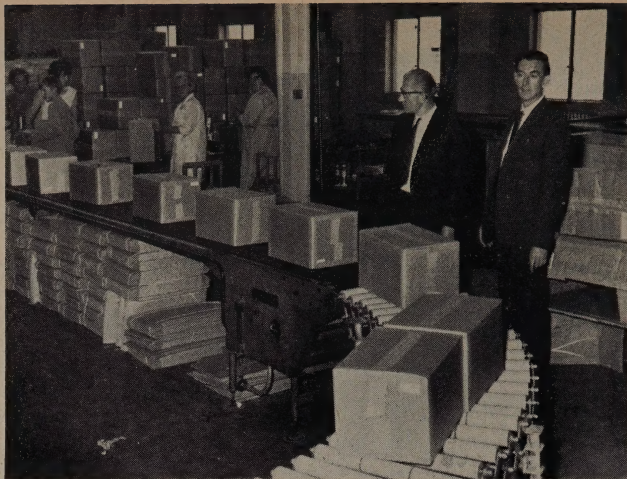
But spastics have not been the only people to benefit. The incentive to donate to spastics is provided by the competition itself. So far, nearly four-and-a-half million members have won cash prizes amounting to £26 millions.

The structure of the pool is such, that a high proportion of its members stand a chance of winning a prize. But in spite of this, there are still some who would rarely, if ever, win. To overcome this situation, a gift scheme was introduced in which all members receive at least one free gift every three years. To date some 13 million gifts worth £22 millions have been awarded to members.

One main ingredient has been responsible for the fantastic success of the Spastics Pool—enthusiasm. In almost every city, town, village and hamlet there are people who have made themselves responsible for collecting the weekly shillings from their friends and neighbours. In pubs and clubs, factories and offices, the Spastics Pool collector is a welcome and friendly weekly visitor.

All told, there are 45,000 collectors and 1,100 supervisors. Some have to travel extensively. Almost all of them have to work long hours on Fridays when the bulk of the cash is collected and when the weekly news-sheets are handed out. More than 6,000 of the collectors have been with the pool since its very early days. Over 500 of them are over the age of 80! There is Mr. T. Verrall of Bognor Regis, for





(Above, left): Two Pools members are here seen presenting their gift vouchers to Miss Patricia Hamblin who is in charge of the gift show-room. (Above, right): Mr. R. T. Sheppard and Mr. K. G. Pole see that all is well in the gift despatch department

instance. He is 95 years old. And Mrs. Broom, who collects in Cardiff, is a sprightly 92!

Age is certainly no criterion for membership either, and there are at least four recorded centenarians—Mrs. E. Hickley of Bruntingthorpe, Warwickshire (104); Miss M. Boyer, Stroud, Gloucestershire (102); Mrs. S. Jackson, Winkworth, Derby (100) and Mrs. E. Aldridge, Maidstone, Kent, who is also 100 years old.

The collectors come from virtually every walk of life but many are themselves disabled. Like Mr. E. Frimston of Preston, who at the age of 33 and with three children, has polio and can get about only

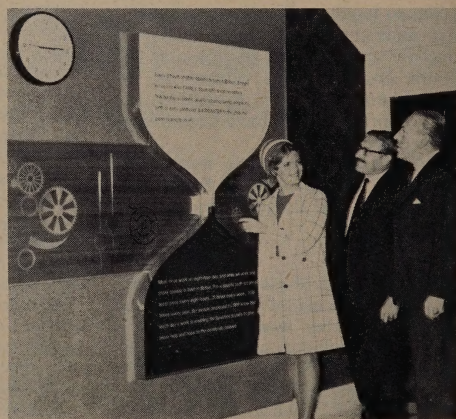
with the aid of an invalid chair. Or Miss W. E. Lea of Penge, handicapped by an iron on one leg and a neck support. She gets about in an invalid car and on crutches. There is 82-year-old Mrs. E. Beale of Camberley, who suffers permanently with a bad back and Mr. Verbrugghe of Sheffield, who is himself a spastic and can walk only a few yards at a time, and then only with the aid of a stick.

Some collectors have achieved records of their own. Four have memberships of more than 2,000 and there are 61 collectors with more than 1,000 members on their books.

Mr. Arter is naturally very proud of

R.P.P.'s fine achievement. An inveterate pipe-smoker, he is a quietly spoken, decisive man—and very much aware of and concerned with the aims of The Spastics Society. The future is always very much in his mind. There is still a great deal to be done. And we have great confidence in his statement: "We are aiming to keep up and, if possible, increase our efforts for many, many years to come."

In short, R.P.P. is helping us. We can help R.P.P. and ourselves in several ways. We can join the pool, or become collectors. Local groups who become collectors not only help the competition but obtain commission for their own funds. **D.L.P.**



(Left): Clerks sorting members' cards in central filing. (Above): Miss June Sampson and Messrs. K. G. and D. N. Long inspect the every 8 hour panel



# What, Christmas Cards already?

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IF YOU THINK that August Bank Holiday is for sea and sand, you are only half right. It is already time, not only to think of Christmas, but also for ordering your Christmas cards. Which just goes to show that there is no such thing as a Seasonal Business.

Spastics Cards Ltd. are already busily preparing for Christmas although strangely enough preparations had already started in April and even earlier. We have found that in this highly commercialised world of today, it is absolutely essential to start early in order to maintain our lead.

We must continue to do all possible, as in previous years, to help Spastics. It might be thought that selling Christmas cards is seasonal work but this is not so. We start at the beginning of the year choosing the designs, then we decide on the quantities and plan the delivery dates. Advertising follows on, not only to the public, who help our cause so much, but also to Groups, Regional Pool Promotions' Supervisors and Agents and Retail Outlets—all are doing a great job—thereafter we distribute samples and leaflets to them and all our other outlets.

After the advertising, the orders start coming in, slowly at first but increasing in momentum as the months hurry past towards Christmas. During the height of the season Spastics Cards Ltd. receive

over 10,000 orders per week and staff even work through the night and during the weekends to dispatch them—in fact, night shifts become the order of the day! It is a hard life but a rewarding one, knowing that all profits on the sale of Christmas cards go towards helping spastics.

In addition to our comprehensive card and calendar range which was described in an earlier article, we have an extensive range of Christmas accessories consisting of delightful and colourful wrapping paper, glittering, gold corded parcel tags and Christmas card holders which will hold up to 36 cards and will enable you to keep your sitting-room tidy.

This year we hope to sell eight million cards to help the Society in its work. In view of the recent drop in the Society's income due to the levying of betting tax on the football pool which provides much of its income, it is more essential than ever to reach our target.

**Do help us to achieve it by writing and asking for a supply of illustrated Christmas card brochures from Spastics Cards Ltd., Dept. S.N.2, The Ridgeway, Iwer, Bucks, and then order your cards OR order your own cards in the enclosed illustrated leaflet.**

'The Card'

## 2nd International Symposium on Cerebral Palsy in Prague

THE CZECHOSLOVAK Rehabilitation and Neurological Societies and Medical Society, together with the World Commission for Cerebral Palsy organised the 2nd International Symposium on Cerebral Palsy in Prague. The Symposium was attended by some 450 participants, approximately 200 from all parts of Czechoslovakia, the rest representing 23 different countries, including Russia. The Spastics Society, according to the official list of participants, was represented by 'Dr.' Sydney Allman, Dr. Martin Bax, 'Dr.' Anita Hunt, 'Dr.' James Lohring and 'Dr.' Margaret Morgan, four of whom presented papers.

Dr. Marcel d'Avignon, President of the World Commission, opened the Symposium—a handsome man whose delightful clothes and charming mastery of the French language nostalgically recalled the days of Louis XIV.

Dr. Chester Swinyard, of New York, gave the first paper which was indeed one of the most interesting on 'The Hereditary Aspects of Cerebral Palsy and Related Conditions'.

The Symposium was made up of 4 Plenary Sessions and several seminars on subjects varying from Neurophysiology, Pedagogical Care, Early Diagnosis, Therapy Sessions and Surgery to Social Services. Papers were given by people from all over the world and the following discussions gave many opportunities for comparison and exchange of ideas.

The Symposium was held in the Hotel International, a cross between the Kremlin, Lenin's Tomb and the Empire State Building. The General Secretary of the Symposium, Dr. Vladimir Jouda, suffers from polio and one could not but admire his handling of the many problems and difficulties one always encounters in the organising of such events.

A small reception at the Charles University in Prague was given by Dr. Oldrich Stary, its Rector. One of the events of the reception was the reunion of Dr. Stary with Dr. Karel Bobath, himself formerly of the University in truly Russian cosmonaut style.

Prague is itself a truly perfect setting for a symposium on Cerebral Palsy where one has been able to make new friends and acquire further valuable knowledge.

Anita Hunt



## A full life for Buxton residents

## and views .



Assembling buckle straps for the Richard Cooper factory is the main work of these girls, who are residents at Buxton Spastics Centre

(By kind permission of the Buxton Advertiser)

MOSAIC WORK VASES, wooden tables and lamp standards, components for thermostats for Otter Controls, and suspenders for corsets made at Richard Cooper and Co., are all end products of the well-equipped workshops of the Bedford Spastics Centre in St. John's Road, Buxton, which provides 45 residents with the chance to do some really useful work and learn skills on specially adapted machines.

Amid the general bustle and activity, the hum of lathes and the clatter of typewriters which are common to any industrial enterprise, the instructor, Mr. H. Brindley, and Warden, Mr. D. H. Simpson, devise means whereby each resident is able to pursue their particular interest.

One man who is taking a correspondence course in English is unable to speak or to use his arms, but he has a special attachment to his forehead and can control a modern typewriter, and type replies to questions or his exams.

A young girl lies on a mattress threading beads with her mouth, and a man in the woodwork room turns and controls a lathe with his feet.

Life at the centre is as much like life anywhere else as it can be. A working day starts at 9 a.m. and finishes at 5 p.m., and residents are encouraged to take part in the various activities of the town.

Some belong to the Chess Club, others enjoy visits to the theatre, or to the

wrestling at the nearby Pavilion Gardens, or to the Silverlands to watch football, and one man, who has an extremely good singing voice, has recently auditioned for 'Opportunity Knocks' on television.

Other centres run by The Spastics Society are situated in country districts with beautiful grounds far from any town or industry, but when the Buxton centre was opened in 1963 it was particularly intended that the residents, all of whom are of normal intelligence, should be able to participate in the life of the town.

The experiment has worked extremely well from every point of view, and members of various organisations have given a great deal of friendly help and support to the residents.

There is still a need, however, for more people to become friends of residents and to sit and talk or perhaps write letters or take them out.

Mr. D. H. Simpson, warden of the centre, is determined that the residents should not be isolated from the rest of society because they have physical brain damage and he is very appreciative of the help given by schoolchildren and by members of lay and church organisations and the Rotary Club who visit the centre and help to organise entertainment and recreation. Mr. Simpson would also be very glad to receive any clothing which is in good wearable condition.

### Bridgwater Needs More Members

AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Bridgwater and District group, Mr. P. J. H. Pope, the Society's West Regional Officer, called for new members to relieve the burden on an overworked and enthusiastic committee. The group has seventeen children in its care and with the appointment of two new members of staff it is expected that more children can be looked after. Mr. Bowerman, the Treasurer, urged members to buy printed notepaper from the Society, 'By buying this paper you not only help our local group but also help to provide work for spastics', he said.

### Radio Labels

FOLLOWING AN ANNOUNCEMENT which appeared free of charge in the journal 'Practical Wireless', Sherrards Training Centre has received numerous orders for their radio panel labels. The lettering, engraved on to plastic with an adhesive backing, is available in various depths and with a choice of colours. 'Practical Wireless' reports, 'They offer a very attractive bargain for the home constructor . . .'



### Making a Meal of it

The October 'Spastics News' will be a special equestrian issue; it will cover all aspects of riding for the disabled, with many distinguished contributors, including Sir Ludwig Guttmann, Miss Stella Saywell, John Davies and others.

### Good Year at Brighton

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Brighton, Hove and District Spastics Society tells of another successful year. In July, the Group's centre moved to 69 Willerby Avenue, Hove, and Her Grace, The Duchess of Norfolk, performed the opening ceremony last September. Various fund-raising activities have been held and despite heavy expenses connected with the move, the Group has managed to show a small surplus for the year.



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## Mr. Brett's Protest

MR. BERNARD BRETT, of Colchester, a past contributor to SPASTICS NEWS, led a contingent from Essex to a Trafalgar Square rally of the physically handicapped on 30th July.

Mr. Brett is secretary of the Essex branch of the Disabled Incomes Group, which organised the rally, where a plea was made for pensions for disabled people who are unable to look after themselves. A petition was handed in to 10 Downing Street after the rally, but the Prime Minister was not available to receive it personally.

Commenting on the aims of the Disabled Incomes Group, Mr. Brett said, 'The blind, the war disabled and the industrially injured all receive generous pensions, including help with employing attendants. However, a housewife who becomes disabled and many other handicapped people are entitled to no help'.

## Bursary Award

MR. C. M. KELCEY, supervisor at the Audnam Adult Training Centre, Wordsley, Worcs., has been awarded a bursary worth £150 by The Spastics Society. The bursary, won in open competition, will enable Mr. Kelcey to study in Holland and Norway.

## Queen's Scout

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Robert Parris of Brockley, S. London, has become a Queen's Scout, after only a year with the 16th Royal Eltham Scout group. Previously Robert, who is taking a commercial college course, was with a Camberwell Scout Group.

## Head of Centres on Fact-Finding Mission

MR. SYDNEY ALLMAN, head of the Centres Department, left on a fact-finding mission to the Continent on 9th August. He visited rehabilitation units, sheltered workshops and residential centres in Germany, Belgium and Czechoslovakia and attended the second International Symposium on Cerebral Palsy in Prague.

He hopes that some of the ideas produced by his visit may be successfully and economically adapted for the Society's own centres. Mr. Allman said before he left



(Photo: Nottingham Evening Post)

**JEAN FULFILLS HER AMBITION:** 27-year-old Jean Piper, of Wollaton Park, Nottingham, had always wanted to fly, and here she is going for a flip with Mr. P. Thomas, being helped into the aeroplane by her mother and Mr. E. A. Johnson, Superintendent of Tollerton Airport. She was 45 minutes in the air and thoroughly enjoyed the experience

England, 'We know that on the Continent and behind the Iron Curtain there are a number of interesting advances in the field of residential care for handicapped people. The sort of things I shall be looking for are their resident to staff ratios, aids and appliances and general administrative technique'.

## Paul and the Princess

AFTER OPENING the new Central Library in Bradford recently, Princess Alexandra spoke to Paul Laughton, a spastic boy, aged 17. Paul's mother stepped out of the crowd as the Princess left the building and pointed out her son who was waiting in his wheelchair.

Paul said later, 'She was very nice. She asked me if I had been in the library and what books I liked best. I told her those on history. . . .'

## DR. SOMERVILLE HASTINGS

The Society regrets to announce the death of one of its distinguished Patrons, Dr. Somerville Hastings.

## Work Starts at Bath

AFTER MANY DELAYS, it is now hoped that the first day treatment centre in Bath for spastic children will open in four months. A turf-cutting ceremony to mark the start of work on the £17,000 centre was carried out on 19th July by Bath Hospitals' Management Committee chairman, Mr. Bernard Ireland, in the grounds of Manor Hospital, Bath.

Children aged two to seven, throughout Somerset and West Wiltshire will attend the centre, a prefab building, which will include a physiotherapy department, indoor and outdoor play sections, and washing, bathing and plaster work facilities.

Mr. Ireland said: 'There is still a place for voluntary work in the National Health Service. In many cases these unfortunate children have had their lives transformed by the work done for them in spastic treatment centres'.

Most of the cost, £15,000, will be met by The Spastics Society. The rest will be paid by Bath and District Spastics Society.



# Challenging Film shown by Croydon and District

by THE EDITOR

I WAS FORTUNATE to be able to attend the Croydon and District 16th A.G.M. which was held in the Ruskinian magnificence of the Council Chamber of the Croydon Town Hall, on 25th July. The meeting was well attended and heard an excellent survey of the year's work and future prospects, from their Chairman, Miss J. Garwood.

She gave a wide ranging report on the activities of the Group and made a particular appeal for every member to make extra efforts at fund-raising in the coming year. She set each member four targets. First, to enrol at least one new member; secondly, to make every effort to make the best use of collecting boxes, whose yield had shown a falling graph from £500 down to £200; thirdly, to encourage the formation of neighbourhood groups; (coffee mornings that raise only £10 are well worth it when multiplied by the membership—Editor); fourthly, a new range of spastic-made jewellery was now available and every item sold not only raised funds, but also gave useful employment to those who were so handicapped as to be unable to take part in a workshop.

'For the first time', she said, 'in the 16 years that the Group has been in existence, income has flattened out and does not allow for reserves for capital work'. In particular, the much needed extension to the Work Centre at Bramley Hill would have to be postponed. As a result of the general economic conditions, the Society itself was finding it difficult to make ends meet and all Groups would have to face the cuts in subvention from the Society of one-third to one-quarter.

Miss Garwood was followed by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. W. Holley, who endorsed every word that the Chairman had said, but was able to announce something that she had not been able to say, which was that, owing to her 'splendid impatience', she was making the large sum of £12,000 available to the Group free of interest. For this, the company made their gratitude felt in no uncertain terms.

This was followed by the election of officers and the Mayor of Croydon, Ald. A. J. Dunn, wound up the proceedings. He said that there was a feeling in some

quarters that some local authorities were not always doing as much as they should for the handicapped but he assured the meeting that they would not be forgotten by Croydon at any rate, and he wished them 'goodwill, good sense and God speed'.

Mr. F. J. Stephenson, then introduced a film that had been made by the Group, provisionally entitled 'Challenge', the title was appropriate because it showed how the challenge of cerebral palsy had been so courageously met by people in their own centres and the challenge of looking after them had been met by so much hard, voluntary work.

Miss Garwood had written the commentary and the music was by the manager of the Works Centre, Mr. Mike Holmes. The film was in black and white and lasted thirty-five minutes. It showed the youngsters being educated and trained at the Rutherford Centre and in graphic detail, the activity at the Work Centre at Bramley Hill, where the daily average attendance is forty-three spastics.

## Output is Impressive

Measured in terms of output, the figures are impressive. For instance, 300,000 components were pressed for two local firms and thousands of other parts under sub-contract have been made and delivered on time. Measured in money, the figures are also encouraging. Last year, the sale of finished articles accounted for £4,100; an increase of £1,800 over the previous year. (This information is taken from the extremely well-produced Annual Report.)

The film also showed the large local Croydon school, St. Giles' which caters for two hundred pupils with various handicaps. It was well produced and absorbingly interesting and if, by careful editing, fifteen minutes could be cut from it, and the sound track could be redubbed, it would be a most valuable addition to the Society's film library.

It combines a local project with a nation-wide theme, and in a short space of time it shows the progress that can be made in helping older spastics who have not had the benefit of any training, as well as the advances made by youngsters on their way up through the system.

When a Child is Different

by Dr. Maria Egg

Published by George Allen & Unwin  
at 25s.

Reviewed by  
Rosemary Dawson-Shepherd

THIS BOOK COULD WELL be rated as the Dr. Spock for the mentally retarded child. It is a simple, clear exposé of the problem of caring for such children, with no medical terms to confuse the layman. Dr. Egg has no illusions about the difficulties that abound where one child in a family is mentally retarded, and she places the main responsibility for early training and habit formation fairly and squarely on the shoulders of the parents.

But she is fully aware also of parents' responsibility to the other children in the family. Normal adolescents, she avers, may well be ashamed of a sister or brother who is 'different', and therefore it is better to leave the child at home when going to meet them from school or similar functions.

She stresses the importance that good training has for the child who is retarded, and points out that it is far more difficult for such a child to unlearn a habit which might be suitable at two years of age but which would produce a bad reaction from others if indulged in at the age of ten.

The book has lost a great deal in the way of style in translation, and some English parents may well be put off by a few sugary and sweet phrases, though these might pass unnoticed by the American for whom the book was originally translated. Despite this flaw, Dr. Egg's contribution to the field is obviously an important one because of its clarity and wealth of experience behind it.

To sum up, this is an important book that should be read not only by parents but by all those who come into contact with the mentally retarded. It is fortunately short and the print is good. At 25s. it represents good value.

## THE EDITOR REGRETS—

—that in the account of the E.G.M. at Meldreth in the July issue there were two errors in the figures quoted on p.6. The deficit on the Schools and Centres running costs is £½m., not £1½m., and the top Group income is £23,000 not £2,300.

**WILL READERS PLEASE NOTE** that the announcement by Messrs. Collier-Macmillan Ltd., in the August issue for Dr. Spock's and Dr. Lerrigo's book: 'Caring for Your Disabled Child', was an advertisement and not a review emanating from the Society.



Miss Mona Smith of the 'Cheshire Observer' went to interview Mrs. Parker Principal of the Chester Office Training Centre, and found that this was —

## No Ordinary College

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Mrs. V. S. Parker takes a look at the work of one of her students. She supervises all the commercial courses as each trainee enters the college at a different level of education

I HAD BEEN MAKING a few enquiries, then I was given a telephone number and I rang for an appointment. The switch-board operator courteously and efficiently put me through to the person I wanted, and I could not believe that this was no ordinary everyday business college. But let me tell you the story.

Unsung and frequently unnoticed, many women spend lives that would be unendurable to most of us and then go on to do a worthwhile job.

Mrs. V. S. Parker, of Ashton, nr. Mouldsworth, is such a woman, and she had a job in Chester—she is the Principal of the Chester Office Training Centre for Spastics.

Married at 20, she was a widow at 30, having nursed both her husband and her brother during their illnesses—chronic nephritis—a form of kidney trouble, which killed them both. As if nature had decided that she could cope with more than most of us have to deal with in our lifetime, at 22 Mrs. Parker had a daughter who was born a mongol.

### Only Child

For 25 years Mrs. Parker cared for her daughter, Jean, the only child of her marriage who, because she had an extra chromosome in her blood cells, which had upset the balance of her brain, never mentally exceeded the age of a five-year-old.

In the meantime, Mrs. Parker, after being widowed, was forced to make a living for the two of them. She learned and worked at all types of accounting machines, she passed examinations and gained proficiency certificates in short-

hand and typing as well. And all this time while she was working her own mother cared for her pretty, charming, but mentally retarded daughter.

Then the grandmother died and Mrs. Parker realised (Jean was 25 now) that, although she was holding down a responsible job, she could not do this if she had to look after Jean as well. So, having cared for her only child for 25 years she had to come to the momentous decision of sending her to a hospital for the mentally handicapped.

In a way they were both fortunate, for Mrs. Parker found a hospital where Jean has companions, is happy, and regards it as her home, keen to return there after holiday periods.

But Mrs. Parker, an attractive, lively woman in her fifties, could not easily accept the apparent freedom that came to her when she no longer had her daughter to look after. She was too used to caring for people who needed help.

So, when an opportunity came her way to help spastics train to be office workers—without having any previous knowledge of spastics, whose brain damage is very different from that of mongols, she began a small training centre at Stockport, near Manchester, with only five trainees—and she placed them in jobs—and when the first Office Training Centre for Spastics opened, she applied for, and was given, the job of Principal.

Because of her previous experiences, her attitude towards spastics is different from that of many people. She recognises quickly not only their deficiencies but also their abilities. She also says she is fortunate in possessing good instructional

and domestic staff who all work as a team at this centre in Blacon.

Every year between 40 and 60 pupils pass through her hands. Mostly they are young people who cannot find jobs; a few are older ones whom time might have passed by but for this opportunity. But the opportunity is very short, for although the Chester centre for spastics was built and is maintained by The Spastics Society, grants have to be obtained from local authorities to help to subsidise their training.

At the present time the grant is 27s. 6d. a week and training can only last for six months, and, as Mrs. Parker says, a business course at any ordinary college teaching non-handicapped people usually lasts at least nine to twelve months! But during that six months, Mrs. Parker tries to give her pupils not only training in accounting machines, typing and office management, but also the ability to fit in with normal life and normal working conditions.

She does it in her own way. They have discussions which give them each a chance to air their grievances. 'Tell me your hates', she says, so that she can work out what particular inhibition is holding back a trainee.

### Learn to Relax

Everyone who comes to her is at a different level of education since their schooling has frequently been inadequate as a result of handicaps or operations. But she teaches them not only office work, she trains them to understand the world about them, a world from which they may

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have been cut off before coming to her. They learn to relax, to go to theatres, cinemas, travel by public transport and to mix with the rest of the community. 'If only I could keep them for nine months', she says, 'I would take things much further'.

From Mrs. Parker, trainees are ready to go into full time employment. When I visited the centre, I saw them using complicated accounting machines, others were typing, some using filing systems with more efficiency than I have known many junior office boys show, for Mrs. Parker believes that accuracy in any job is more important than speed, and once they have mastered a job you can rely on their work.

Some of them go to jobs with public work contractors, for packaging specialists, Courtaulds, Harrods, Rolls Royce, all take these trainees for various jobs, and many go into small firms.

The trainees come to Mrs. Parker from all parts of the country, some stay in hostels, some in 'digs' and while Mrs. Parker has done as much as she can for her own daughter, and must now leave her to others, she is still working and helping other people's sons and daughters to fulfil their ambitions and fit into the community in spite of their handicaps.

## 'We all love Chester'

says Anne M. Rae, a trainee

ALL THE TRAINEES enjoy their work at the Chester Office Training Centre, immensely, especially speedwriting which we have just started. I find it much easier for me than Pitman's shorthand previously taught at the Centre.

Like most people we like to be able to relax after a hectic day. We finish at 4.30 and return to our various digs. On Thursday nights we go to the '62 Club where we meet other handicapped and unhandicapped people and have various activities.

For those of us who are fortunate enough to have invalid cars Chester and the surrounding countryside offers a wide field of exploration. It is a lovely feeling to be able to take oneself to wherever takes your fancy. The scenery in North Wales is magnificent and I for one enjoyed our visit to the Eisteddfod in July.

I should like to wish all those who recently left the Centre all the very best. It is with keen interest that we look forward to news from you as it gives encouragement to present trainees. Here

is an account of a hill climb, which I have called:— **CHALLENGE**

I STOOD AT THE FOOT of a hill near Edinburgh, called Arthur's Seat. With mum and dad on either side of me, I was ready to begin the 823ft. climb to the summit of this extinct volcano.

We had left the car in the Queen's Park near the Dunsappie Loch, so as I would have as short a distance to walk as possible. To begin with the going was not too difficult, so I could manage with just my sticks but before we had climbed the first ridge I was in difficulties. After climbing the first ridge we sat down to rest and I discarded my cardigan before plodding on my way.

A little refreshed by our rest we made our way over the extremely rocky and stony ground, with me holding on to mum and dad for grim death. I was being constantly reminded that I did not have to reach the top that day as there would be another opportunity before my return to school. Although I was not certain what I had undertaken, now that I had come this far, it was the top or nothing.

After a good few rests and struggles I finally made it; victorious at last!

I propped myself against the stone which marks the summit while countless photographs, including one of the three of us taken by a Spaniard, were taken. On a clear day the view of Edinburgh is magnificent but it was misty and the view certainly did not do justice to the city. The Fife coast, the two bridges which span the Firth of Forth, both marvellous feats of engineering, and Stirling Castle can be seen.

We had a short rest and then started the equally long and difficult descent, stopping to take photographs, in case the ones taken on the summit did not come out, on our way. By the time we were half-way down my knees were giving way and I was convinced that I could have rolled down quicker and with much greater ease. Eventually, I reached the bottom, safe and sound, but it was that last little bit that just about killed me.

On my return home I could scarcely muster enough energy to walk up the drive and climb the five steps into the house. Even although I had climbed the shortest route to the summit I felt extremely happy because I had achieved something along with thousands of other people.

## Two Young Men with a Future

TWO YOUNG MEN who have been at the Chester Centre have recently been written up in the Press by Therese Appleby, who, while writing with the full knowledge of the facts about C.P. yet manages to put over the problems of employment to the general public.

One, 18-year-old Andrew Armstrong left a few months ago and is now job-hunting. He went to Chester after passing four 'O' levels in English, English Literature, Bible Knowledge, and History, at Thomas Delarue School. He has spent most of his life in a wheelchair but had an operation to improve his walking, and travelled by public transport from Gatley for six months to take the course in office training. He learnt to type, to work a variety of accounting machines to improve his arithmetic and to compose business letters.

'At the same time', says Mrs. Appleby, 'he learnt to mix socially with non-handicapped people, to travel alone to enjoy the theatre, the cinema and a

variety of sports. He is also a keen swimmer'.

He only has one useful hand but he says that as long as he can get a job and work like other young people, he will be happy.

The other ex-Chester trainee is Jeffrey Davies, also 18 years old, whose home is in Wales at Pontypridd. He had lost two jobs in that area because he couldn't keep up the pace in the factory, but after an Assessment Course run by the Society he was accepted for training.

He too grew in independence and became a member of the local cricket club. He was also in the party who went to Spain and Portugal last year (see SPASTICS NEWS, July '66). Jeffrey hasn't a chip on his shoulder, and is a cheerful, pleasant looking young man, and is looking forward to getting a job as a clerk, and Mrs. Parker thinks he would be a very useful employee.

(P.S.—Jeffrey has now joined P. Leiners and Sons, in Treforest, Wales.)



# A School with a Sense of Purpose

John Le Prevost, the  
Society's Education  
Officer, describes

INGFIELD MANOR,  
SUSSEX



Every week one of the classrooms becomes the 'market place' where money can be put in and taken out of 'the Bank', or things can be bought

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED to ride a tricycle on grass? Here were four handicapped little girls lined up at four-yard intervals across the top lawn in front of this beautiful red brick house. Each was on a tricycle and the physiotherapist arranged them so that one was further up the short 25-yard track. One girl gazed all around her taking it all in with her eyes—she couldn't rely on her ears to help her, she was partially deaf, so she had to look. The quiet voice of the Headmistress came over the loud-speaker: 'Jane has only learnt to ride this term, so she gets a bit of a start. You will notice that in each race, one of the children is always a deaf child. This we do, so that they can get the idea from the hearing children'. The starter who, this time, was in fact the Teacher to the Deaf, raised his flag and made sure they were all looking; then he

silently but with big visible movements waved it once (on your mark!) then again (get set!) and then swept it to the ground (go!).

The tumult and the shouting burst from the mouths of the other 49 children of the school, of the 33 family groups present on this great day, of the friends of staff and children who had come to share this Saturday afternoon. The newest rider very nearly won, but not quite. 'Well done', the quiet voice said, 'Give them all a good clap! Would Jean like to come here and choose her prize?'

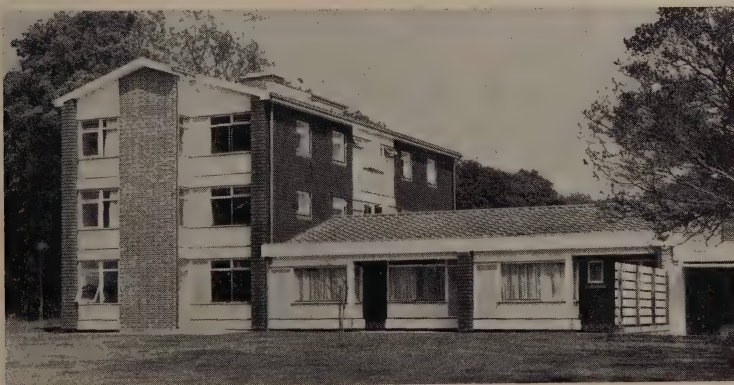
The next race was a potato race for four small boys; again a deaf boy was included. Another boy might have been a visitor from the local primary school.

Quietly again: 'You may think that Malcolm doesn't look very handicapped. Actually he has some serious difficulty in relating himself to things around him'. The race began but Malcolm missed the first potato altogether; he managed the two others but finding that first one defeated him again and again, until a watchful member of the staff prompted him. He completed the course even though the others were already home.

This pattern of the day at the 1967 Sports Day of the School for Cerebral Palsied children of 5-16 years, each of whom suffer from severe handicaps, including the dominant one of only being able to learn slowly, seemed to me to illustrate the whole content of the school: the effort of the children to combat their own particular difficulties (each one different in kind or degree from any other); the watchful prompting of a skilled, observant staff; the support of so many of the families and of hitherto unknown Sussex friends, who do not care whether a child comes from London or Yorkshire; the gradual counselling of all the adults concerned with the growing child; the friendly, co-operative teamwork of the staff; and the quiet firm guiding hand of a knowing Headmistress.

This was what my own work and that of my colleagues in London was helping to bring about: this was the realisation of the dreams of the Society's founder members so short a time ago and the contributions of the millions of persons in this country, either as the Friends of Spastics League or as individuals. I hope

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The modern residential wing is attractively placed in relation to the other buildings and surrounded with fine trees





Mr. D. Allott, the speech therapist, takes Peter Andrews through a reading lesson, assisted by earphones as he is rather deaf



Miss Edna Varty, the Headmistress, went to Ingfield in 1961. A Yorkshire woman, she has travelled far and worked on Tee-side, in Coventry and Carlson House, Birmingham, and for five years with spastics in Switzerland. She was also head of Horton Lodge School, in Staffs.

that what I have here described will in some measure thank them all; and I was deeply grateful to be allowed to be there, where so many could not be, in the flesh.

At the beginning of the year, the Headmistress, Miss E. M. Varty, talked to the Education Advisory Committee, which meets regularly to consider the problems and development of the Society's educational programme and advises the staff and Committees, about the aims, methods and stumbling blocks which face the school. It seems to me that what she said should be known to you all and I propose to condense her remarks, only because space is limited; and I hope I will not falsify the picture she gave of this quite unique school.

Communication is the key to all child development and any school aims at the development of a child to his full potential. Communication is not simply a knowledge of words: some children are quite verbose, but their conversation lacks meaning and is not backed by experience. Deaf children, too, have no inner language and until this is developed they cannot begin to grow through using even simple expressive language. Lack of stimulation and experience in many of the other children has resulted in an impoverishment and confusion of language. This then is the target for every single activity in the school, the development of an inner language sense from which true communication with other people can grow, and on which personal independence, however limited it may have to be, will be based.

How does Ingfield Manor go about achieving this aim? The first task is to

establish the security of the child. This begins from the first interview when the child and his parents visit the school to start their familiarisation with the other children, the staff, the buildings and the district. Buildings and furnishings are of a kind that are intimate, cosy and having something which smacks of home—two three-piece suites are the favourite retreat of the most severely handicapped. Routine is important—a haphazard roster of housemother 'days off' creates great anxieties. Outside visits stimulate, but they're only really effective if the children have been familiarised with what they are about to see, and not startled by the unexpected.

#### Familiarity first

Familiarity is the first communication, and from this the plan leads on fostering the desire to experiment and to experience. These children have difficulty in learning through experience: even when the same experience is enacted in as many different ways as possible, the staff continuously marvel at what is *not* extracted from an experience. Throughout all this programme of stimulation, great patience and 'holding back' is required of staff; only one small aspect at a time can be taught and that taught hard. A baking session in a nursery class can involve weighing, timing and reading motivation: at Ingfield it may well only be devoted to teaching the shape of a loaf of bread.

Play is perhaps the essential key to the early years, and all play is vital and not mere pastime. To begin with their play is isolated: it is safe and repetitive. Each game has to be introduced and developed.

Then there comes at last a consciousness that there are other children there: a desire to share, or simply to play with, someone else's toy. But this is the entry into the group.

Manufactured toys are often limiting and only lead to repetitive activity—trying to fit round pegs into round holes and so on. The real experience of shapes and sizes begins when they dare to get down on to the floor and work with large patterns, sample all kinds of scrap material and moving through big and small tunnels thrown together by the school handyman.

As they learn the in-ness of in, the smallness of small or learn to listen to the story that becomes longer gradually with each retelling, they learn a great many things, e.g. to know themselves, to become sociable and to become curious. Only then, after sometimes many months, are they ready to move on to the accepted pre-pre-reading stages and the pre-pre-number stages. It is a process that cannot be hurried. The teacher watches as each hurdle looms up and devotes her skills to helping them slowly over each. It is time well spent and often there is a surge ahead once the early stages have been slowly overcome. Every child is different from another: this is more than ever true with these children. Stimulation and motivation must be there, but every process must be sub-divided and sub-sub-divided, no stage can be omitted. This is the demanding nature of the work of every member of staff, houseparent, teacher or therapist. As they grow older, responsibilities of the most minute grad-



# play is important

ing have to be devised and slowly added to.

Real life situations are the best teachers and these have to be manufactured: the class shop, the school bank, the school news which appears every three weeks, acting as guide to visitors, clubs to join. All these are devised, but they are not carried out with the bustling normality found in other schools, but proceed at an agonisingly slow pace with a great number of grown-ups prodding, reminding, urging and loving.

Of course, the sheer physical handicap poses great problems. You have only to see 45 wheelchairs (there are 53 children in the school) lined up in the corridor to realise how great these are. The annual school play is designed to bring every pupil on to the stage. Two years ago, in 'The Nutcracker Suite', there were almost enough mobile pupil pushers to push a chair-borne pupil on stage. Last year, the dumpy-cart from the gardener's store carried not leaves, but nine children of the mouse orchestra of 'The Little Taylor of Gloucester'.

So, as the authorities increase their provision for the more lightly handicapped, Ingfield Manor seeks to match its ingenuity against the increasing weight of physical handicap: only 22 of the 53

are, by any standards, moderately or lightly handicapped.

But the slow-learning rate and the heavy immobility weight are not the only problems. One third of these children have hearing problems—eight of them are severely deaf and ten in the partial hearing category. There is a small group of totally rejected children, mostly in the care of the Authorities—these pose a perpetual holiday problem and are potential candidates for a disturbed behaviour group.

Yes despite all this, Ingfield Manor School won its recognition from the Department of Education and Science as an efficient school in less than two years after it opened; the boys of the nearby Christ's Hospital come regularly to help with all the strength of their able bodies and quick minds; trainee teachers, therapists, social workers come in their tens and hundreds each year to find out how it is done; and the cold critics still speak of excessive pointless waste of effort and money.

Yet, too, each year, amongst those pre-

sent at the annual Sports as at any other school in the country, there are several familiar faces—these are the old pupils, or parents whose children have long since left, staff who have left to work elsewhere—people who once were touched with the magic of Ingfield and to whom this word communicates a sense of purpose.



(Left): Helping each other is all in the day's work. The passage-ways are wide and ramped where necessary. (Above): The physiotherapist helping a young pupil with his treatment



## New Work and Welfare Centre for Tees-side

A NEW WORK AND WELFARE CENTRE for Tees-side Society was opened for the training of spastics on August 14th. The Manager is Mr. R. Garland, who comes from the Bristol Centre. Built at a cost of over £30,000, the official opening will be later in the year, but already contract work has been received from local firms, and a number of enquiries have also been made.

The Management Committee are delighted to announce that Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills Ltd. have offered to provide a general purpose vehicle for use by the Centre, in exchange for Embassy coupons, and have also generously reduced the number of coupons normally required for it. Gifts of these coupons will be gratefully received.



Joan Regan, the singing star, who was in the district for a beacon push-over, is here seen accepting the keys of the Centre from Mr. Alec Maude, the architect, and Mr. E. A. Taylor, Mr. A. Heseltine, Chairman, and Mr. R. S. W. Young, Hon. Sec.

The Group's new Ambulance has already had its 'baptism of fire', because there was an accident at the local Agricultural Show, when part of the grandstand collapsed, and a number of injured spec-

tators were driven to hospital by Mr. Allan Taylor, Chairman of the Management Committee. The Group had had a stand there, for the first time, organised by Mrs. Kendall, and £74 was raised.

## Pop Group Opens Extension to Bournemouth Centre



(Photos: Bournemouth Evening Echo)

(Above): A view of one of the bright and gay classrooms, showing all kinds of equipment including a Moba-horse. (Right): The Seekers cutting the tape to open the extensions at Langside

N.B.—Mr. W. W. Stephenson, Vice-President of the Group, is launching a massive appeal for funds for a residential centre for the over-16's—an urgent need. The target is £50,000. After children have been to the Centre and come to love it, they have to be moved away so they need their own accommodation. Three local Boroughs, Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch, will be asked to help.

EXTENSIONS TO LANGSIDE SCHOOL were opened in July by the Australian pop-group, *The Seekers*. Mr. John Edwards, the Chairman of the Bournemouth, Poole and District Society, said that the new building will transform the facilities provided to include physiotherapy, consulting rooms, offices and a kitchen where all meals can be specially prepared.

Fifty-two children are now attending, 38 of them needing normal education and 14 needing special care. It seemed a long way, he said, from 1955, when the Society started in three rented rooms, but he thanked the Corporation who had offered the site at a reasonable figure and all other helpers, medical and lay. The extensions had cost £27,000, of which The Spastics Society had contributed £16,000.







**Aids to Mobility:** *The new Amesbury Transit chair which can be got from the Ministry of Health on prescription. Note the backward tilt of the seat. It can have all the usual Amesbury adaptations — large plastic ridged tray — head wings—pommel and foot box. (Available from Amesbury Surgical Appliances Ltd., South Mill Rd., Amesbury, Wilts.)*



*Compiled by N. D. B. ELWES*



**Introducing the 'Baby Buggy':** *The above push-chair only weighs 6 lbs. and is collapsible in two dimensions by one simple movement. This is possible by releasing the catch with the foot and using only one arm to collapse the chair. The mother, therefore, is able to support the child over one arm while collapsing the chair with the other.*

*It is manufactured by Andrews Maclaren of Barby, nr. Rugby, and Mr. Maclaren is working on modifications for spastics and also thinking in terms of producing a similar push-chair for adults. It retails at £7 15s. 0d. but is available through The Spastics Society at £4 15s. 0d. The 'Buggy' hangs over the arm like an umbrella and the Appliance Officer feels it should be useful for travelling on public transport.*



*Sketches*  
by SALLON

No. 3

**Tony Frank, M.C.**  
*Chief Regional Officer*



JOINING the Society early in 1961, Tony Frank became the first Chief Regional Officer, and the fact that he still occupies what some might think 'that very hot seat', speaks volumes for his stamina. A man of infinite resource, his jovial presence at A.G.M.s all over the country has done much to build up the confidence of local groups in the Society and to animate their plans with hope.

There were only six regions in those days, and something over a hundred groups, and Tony has seen this number grow to 163 at the last count, which includes various reorganisations and re-allotment as between areas.

He has to co-ordinate the work of thirteen Regional Officers with the help of three Senior R.O.s and determine

all the tricky problems of affiliation, and so on, which may arise. Four of the original R.O.'s are still with the Society, and it means much to the local groups when their R.O.'s stay with them so long: they become friends rather than officials. Tony Frank too, has a gift for friendship as well as a power of organisation.

No mean rugger player in his youth, and one of the toughest of Commandos, the story goes that he was once in a car crash and went head first through the wind-screen; but it was the glass that got broken.

He came to the Society after fourteen years with the Colonial Service in different parts of Africa, and now lives with his wife and five boys at Pangbourne in Berkshire.



## news from the North —

WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 11 Beacon push-overs for this month, with only two attended by S.O.S. members, Jack Howarth and Dennis Lotis. Harry Corbett and 'Sooty' have again obliged at the *Cleveleys Hotel*, Cleveleys, where we raised over £55, and the Chairman of the Council did the honours at the *Old Royal Oak* in Knaresborough. All the rest have been done by members of the customers of each pub concerned.

One public house I feel calls for special mention and this is the *Royal*, at Sowerby Bridge, nr. Halifax, Yorkshire, where Mr. and Mrs. Mellors have raised £38 11s. 3d. in the space of 15 weeks only, an average of £2 11s. 5d. per week. Mr. and Mrs. Mellors are coming South to the *Hope and Anchor*, Hanworth, Twickenham, where I trust they will continue their good work. Mrs. Mellors is a cousin of Dickie Henderson.



AT THE PADDINGTON WORK CENTRE: Sylvia Syms (centre) shows Joe Melia and Zena Walker round the works. She had just enrolled them into the S.O.S. after seeing them in the West End production of 'A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG'. Not everyone will approve of it. The subject is such a complex one, and the play can only illustrate one couple's reactions to their own particular aspect of it. Nevertheless we feel that anyone interested in the work of the Society should make every effort to see this play

## and pictures from the South

### NEWS OF THE STARS ORGANISATION FOR SPASTICS

Several members of S.O.S. went down to Colwall Court recently to visit the children on holiday, including Ron Goodwin, Johnnie Stewart, Don Moss, Diane Hart, Sylvia Syms, Donald Houston, Rex Garner, Pat Jessel and Ronnie Leigh-Hunt

## on the beach at Colwall Court, Bexhill





# Ghosts of Fitzrovia

The area around Fitzroy Square—now famous as the temporary home of *Spastics News*—has been a favoured haunt of artists and writers for centuries.

by ANNE PLUMMER

FOR OVER TEN YEARS The Spastics Society has had offices of some sort in Fitzroy Square and with the opening of the proposed new residential Assessment and Family Services Centre we shall occupy three more houses on the north side. While the SPASTICS NEWS office is, in fact, temporarily camping out in the newly-acquired building, this would seem a good moment to remember some of our illustrious predecessors around the Square.

The east and south sides were built around 1750, while the north and west frontages were added in 1827. During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries many famous artists and writers lived in the area and the term 'Fitzroy Square' became synonymous with a kind of artistic Bohemia in much the same way as Chelsea later became known.

Number 37 Fitzroy Square was occupied for a time by the Victorian painter, Ford Madox Brown. With its large rooms and studio it became a popular meeting place for the Pre-Raphaelites and their contemporaries who included William Morris, the poet Swinburne and Whistler, the painter, who lived for a time in Fitzroy Street.

## The Pre-Raphaelites, too

Two members of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, Millais and Dante Gabriel Rossetti, had attended an art school in nearby Charlotte Street, where William Frith, of 'Derby Day' fame, was a fellow pupil. Constable, the well-known landscape painter also lived in Charlotte Street towards the end of his life. In 1848, the year when the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood was formed, Rossetti was sharing a studio with Holman Hunt in Cleveland Street, one street away from Fitzroy Square, but they soon split up as Hunt became exasperated with the chaotic way in which Rossetti lived.

Although closely associated with the Pre-Raphaelite movement, and related to the Rossettis by marriage, Madox Brown was not actually a member of the Brotherhood. However, like them, he had great sympathy with the poor and ran a soup kitchen in his home during one winter of particularly severe unemployment. His interest in human problems found expres-

sion in his greatest paintings, 'Work', and 'The Last of England'.

Another nineteenth century artist who lived in the Square was William de Morgan, a friend of William Morris, who designed stained glass and ceramics, particularly tiles. The number at which he lived is not recorded but it would be pleasant to think that the glass door panels and *Art Nouveau* letter-box of number 16 (temporary home of SPASTICS NEWS) were relics of his occupation.

The third Marquess of Salisbury, Conservative Prime Minister during the latter part of Queen Victoria's reign, lived at Number 21. His country seat was the historic Hatfield House, where he frequently held large house-parties, hiring a special train to bring his fellow MPs to London whenever there was an important division in the House.

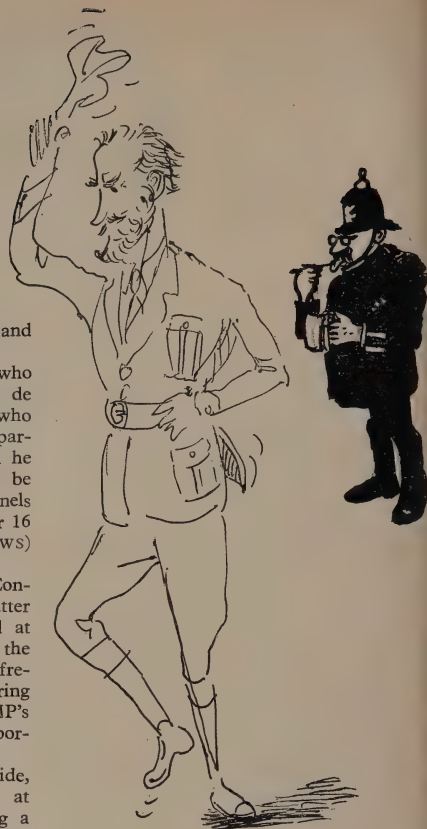
Further down on the same side, Bernard Shaw, the dramatist, lived at Number 29. He was once practising a dance in the Square late at night, when he was stopped by a policeman who thought he was drunk. During the years spent at this address he worked as a critic on various periodicals and completed some of his more important plays, including 'Arms and the Man' and 'Mrs. Warren's Profession'.

A later occupant of Number 29 was Miss Virginia Stephen, best known as a novelist by her married name of Virginia Woolf. She lived there from 1907 to 1911 with her brother Adrian. For most of her adult life she carried on a prolific correspondence with Lytton Strachey, and it was from this address that she wrote the following in a letter to him:—

'... We have just returned from six solid hours of Wagner. If it were properly edited one might get through in thirty minutes. ...'

Lytton Strachey himself, author of 'Eminent Victorians', also had family connections with Fitzroy Square. He and Virginia Woolf were both members of the so-called 'Bloomsbury Group', a circle of close friends who met regularly during the decade leading up to 1914.

Another member of the group was Roger Fry, the art critic, who ran for a time the Omega Workshop in Fitzroy



G.B.S. and the Law

'I could have danced all night'

Square. Pottery and other handcrafts were produced here in an attempt to raise the general standard of design, but the workshop had to close down with the outbreak of the First World War. Walter Sickert, the painter, also resided in nearby Fitzroy Street at about the same time.

All the lovers of beauty who have lived and worked here would be saddened to see how the Square has come down in the world since the last war. The gardens in the centre have been churned up by work on the new Victoria underground line, and the used car market has overflowed from Warren Street into the north side of the Square. Salisbury's house, painted an incongruous blue, is now a Greek Cypriot club and restaurant, while the Post Office Tower looms ominously over all, facing the site of the new Assessment Centre, a strident symbol of material progress.



# M.E.V. Itineraries in September

## NORTHERN CIRCUIT

## SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

Date	Location	Date	
2nd to	Blackpool	3rd to	Oxford
3rd-10th	Blackpool Princess Parade	4th-5th	Oxford St. Giles Fair
11th to	Preston	6th-8th	The Square, Cowley Centre
12th-14th	Preston Market Square	10th to	Reading
15th-16th	Starch House Square	11th-16th	Reading Odeon Theatre Car Park
17th to	Barrow-in-Furness	17th to	High Wycombe
18th-23rd	Barrow-in-Furness Corner of Abbey Rd., and Dalkeith Street	18th-23rd	High Wycombe Frogmoor
24th to	Manchester	24th to	Aylesbury
25th-30th	Manchester The Piccadilly	25th-30th	Aylesbury Exchange Street Recreation Ground
1st October to	Altrincham	1st October to	Chelmsbrook

## BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ● ● ●

1st	Memorial Club, Elm Tree House, Cottingham, Yorks	J. Rea
4th	Reform Club, Houldsworth Sq., Reddish, Stockport	J. Spencer and K. Kennerley
4th	Shipley Oddfellows Club, Briggate, Shipley, Yorks	J. Rea
5th	West Ward Workmen's, Grant St., Keighley, Yorks	J. Rea
5th	Unicorn Workmen's, Holbrook Lane, Coventry	K. Kennerley
6th	Soldiers' and Sailors' Club, Moorgate, Baildon, Yorks	J. Rea
6th	Scissett Workmen's, Wakefield Rd., Scissett, Huddersfield	K. Kennerley
6th	Moldgreen Cons. Club, Bankfield Rd., Mold Green, Huddersfield	J. Spencer
7th	Erimus Quoits and Rifle Club, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough	J. Rea
7th	Darnall Liberal Club, Irving St., Darnall, Sheffield	J. Spencer
8th	Birkenshaw Liberal Club, Birkenshaw, nr. Bradford, Yorks	J. Rea
11th	St. Theresa's Club, Eccleston, St. Helens, Lancs.	J. Gardner and J. Spencer
12th	British Legion Club, Devonshire Rd., Eccles, Lancs.	J. Gardner and J. Rea
13th	Labour Club, High St., Golborne, Warrington, Lancs.	J. Gardner and J. Rea
13th	Labour Club, Carrington Rd., Friar Park, Wednesbury, Staffs.	J. Spencer
14th	Workmen's Club, 6-8 Kemp St., Fleetwood, Lancs.	J. Gardner and J. Rea
14th	Workmen's Club, Wombwell Rd., Platts Common, nr. Barnsley	K. Kennerley
15th	Rudheath Social Club, Middlewich Rd., Northwich, Ches.	J. Gardner and J. Rea
16th	Tennants Assoc. Club, Elton Rd., Osmaston Park, Derby	J. Gardner and J. Rea
18th	Comrades Club, Wood St., Wallingford, Berks	J. Rea
18th	St. Josephs Men's Club, Harpers Lane, Chorley, Lancs.	J. Spencer
19th	Workmen's Club, 16 White St., Pemberton, Wigan	J. Spencer
20th	Social Club, Moulscumb Place, Brighton, Sussex	J. Gardner and J. Rea
20th	Gosforth Cons. Club, High St., Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne	J. Spencer
21st	Social Club, Mansfield Rd., Athersley, North Barnsley	J. Spencer
21st	Denton Social Club, Raphael Rd., Gravesend-on-Sea	J. Gardner and J. Rea
22nd	Audley Workmen's Club, 54 Scotland Rd., Blackburn, Lancs.	J. Spencer
25th	Cons. Club, Hall St., Crosshills, nr. Keighley Yorks.	J. Gardner and J. Rea
25th	Miners Welfare Club, Williamthorpe Rd., North Wingfield, Chesterfield	J. Spencer
26th	Pudsey Cons. Club, Chapeltown, Pudsey, Yorks.	J. Gardner and J. Rea
26th	Hollins Grove Liberal Club, Falcon House, Darwen, Lancs.	J. Spencer
27th	Baildon Cons., Town Gate, Baildon, nr. Shipley, Yorks.	J. Gardner and J. Spencer
27th	South Leeds Cons., Wooler St., Beeston, Leeds 11	J. Rea
28th	Rostrons Club, Denison Rd., Selby, Yorks.	J. Gardner
28th	Old Thornaby Social, The Green, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees	J. Rea
28th	Beaconsfield Cons., 89 Bury St., Heywood, Lancs.	J. Spencer
29th	Progressive Workmen's Club, Rawmarsh, Rotherham	J. Gardner and J. Spencer
29th	British Legion Club, 4-6 Park Road, Middlesbrough	J. Rea

## EMPLOYMENT NEWS

Recent news includes the following items:

**LESLEY COULSON** who is living at the Woodford Hostel, is working in the printing department of a firm of chemical manufacturers in Leyton. Lesley trained at Sherrards and the Chester Office Training Centre.

**JANET DRAKE** from Bridport, who trained at the Chester Office Training Centre, is employed as a telephonist by a local ironmonger.

**CHRISTOPHER DUDDINGTON** from Australia, who trained at the Chester Office Training Centre, is now working in Altrincham. He is employed by the North Western Gas Board as a Rank Xerox copying machine operator.

**KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK** from Barnsley, who trained at the Chester Office Training Centre is working part-time as an adding machine operator for the Barnsley Corporation.

**RICHARD KUS** from Crewe, who trained at the Chester Office Training Centre, is working in the warehouse office of a firm of cheese distributors in Crewe.

**ANDREW MAYNARD** from Folkestone, who trained at Sherrards, is commencing work at the end of August in the Woodwork department of Channel Woodcrafts Ltd., in Folkestone.

**DOROTHY MITCHELL** from West Ham, is now living and working as a trainee needleworker at Love Walk hostel.

**ANTHONY McNULTY** from Grantham, who trained at Sherrards, has commenced work as a sanding machine operator in the woodwork department of a firm in Lincoln.

**ALFONSO ROMANO** from Aylesbury, has been working for some time as a rivet sorter for a local firm.

**BRENDA TAYLOR** from Reigate, is now working at Remploy.

**HAYDN WATKINS** from Merthyr Vale is now working at the local Remploy.

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## A SICK PLAY

Dear Editor,

I feel that we must be living in a very 'sick world' when it comes to turning what can only be called human tragedy into comedy! I refer of course to the play 'A Day in the Death of Joe Egg'—true, I have not seen the play as yet, but the plot and reviews to me were sickening enough.

Admittedly, I often joke about my own disability, and many of my friends do of theirs—but for a father to write a comedy play about his own daughter's adversity, and who is quite unable to retaliate in anyway—words fail me.

In my work at a centre for spastics I meet quite a number of parents, some of whom have severely handicapped children, and I can say with all sincerity that never have I known any of these parents express a day in the life of their child as 'death'!

As a rule they are very happy families, who try hard to make life as normal as possible.

Maybe, there is something odd about me in thinking this way—but surely there are better things to write plays about than

the tragedy of a child, and better ways for the public to learn of how some people have to, and do, cope with a disabled child, than by portraying it in 'comedy'!

—On second thoughts, perhaps it is a new phase to the 'Kitchen Sink' plays!

I should be interested to know of others' views and comments from the readers of SPASTICS NEWS.

Yours sincerely, P. SWAINE (Miss), 97 South Undercliffe, Rye, Sussex.

*Dear Miss Swaine, I could not agree more with you. The Daily Telegraph critic called the play 'tasteless, harrowing, cheap, sensational and morbid'; in my opinion he was right—The Editor.*

## MY PRECIOUS RADIO

Dear Editor,

I have been married just over nine months now. I do not have a job yet which means I have all day to do my housework. As I get most of my shopping on Saturday and Wednesday or Thursday afternoon when I have to go out, it means I have even more time for looking after my home. So my basic routine for weekdays is set by radio.

There is always music until 11 a.m. so when I have washed and dressed, I tidy round the kitchen and bedroom, which usually takes me up to '11 o'clock Story Time' and the 'Dale's' at 11.15. At 11.30 I start cooking my dinner so that by the time I have eaten and washed the dishes it is 2 p.m. and time for 'Woman's

Hour'. After that refreshing rest I am fit to do the really hard jobs such as washing or the ironing, cleaning the floors or mending the clothes (these things do not sound hard but when I come to do them it is a slow job). 4.15 is my coffee break and I listen to the Dales, then at 4.30 I continue my work until 5.30 the time I look forward to most for my husband comes home and apart from getting our tea I am free to devote myself to all his needs.

Of course my day does not always go as smoothly as I have described I am satisfied with the routine and I do not know what I would do without my precious radio.

Yours very sincerely, CATHY CLARKE (Mrs.), 42A Bessborough Road, Harrow, Middx.

## OH FOR A TELEPHONE

Dear Editor,

Being a spastic, I was very interested to read, in the July issue of SPASTICS NEWS, of all the gadgets, etc., that were on display at Olympia—especially the new folding wheelchair that will go in the boot of a mini-car. I say 'Roll on the time when all disabled persons can have a mini-car', so as not to have to lead such a lonely life, particularly for those disabled folk married to able-bodied persons.

There is just one other item I should like brought to the notice of the Minister of Health and that is for disabled people to be given a special grant to enable



(Photo: Sunderland Echo)

When Sunderland S.S. held a garden fête at their Centre in Hylton Rd., five-year-old Robert McKeever presented a bouquet to Mrs. Cuthbert Morton, watched by Mr. G. Cottam, chairman, Mrs. T. Otterson, chairman of the League of Friends and Mr. D. Hewet, chairman of Management Committee



them to have the telephone in their own homes.

Yours sincerely, PAMELA K. WOODGATE (Miss), 14 Greenhill Road, Greenhill, Herne Bay, Kent.

### BOBBY GAVE ME COURAGE

Dear Editor,

How wonderful it was to read in the current issue of SPASTICS NEWS a letter from Mr. Lauder, but at the same time, I am deeply grieved to learn of the death of Bobby Rutter.

I well remember so many years ago, meeting Mr. Lauder at an inaugural meeting of the Central Middlesex Spastics Society when he talked to a few parents of spastics at Harrow and I was inspired by his story of Bobby Rutter. My spastic son was then only a little boy but I felt that if Bobby could become independent and successful, so then could my son and to this end I have worked, with the great co-operation of the National Society, to this day and will continue to do so.

I also had the pleasure eventually of meeting Bobby Rutter when I was making a social call upon Miss Burden one Christmastide at The Arundel Hotel, Westcliff-on-Sea. He was just as I had pictured him, independent and full of good spirits and although he is no longer with us, I feel you will be pleased to know that he was responsible for at least one more spastic making a success of his life within the power of his limitations—my son.

### CORONATION STREET COMES TO THE LAKE DISTRICT

Graham Haberfield—Jerry Booth in the series, seen about to push over some beacons in the Britannia Inn, Elterwater, while the landlord, Mr. N. Nuttall looks on. This is the third pushover in less than two years, with a total raised of £155 5 0. This particular evening was well supported by the locals with all kinds of gifts.

(Photo: Lakeland Photographic)



Thank you Mr. Lauder for writing to SPASTICS NEWS. How far the Society has gone since those chaotic days at Stratford Road!

Yours sincerely, RUBY L. MURPHY, 14 Parkway, Mold, Flint.

### A CRI DE COEUR

Dear Editor,

I have worked both voluntarily and as paid staff with handicapped children for twenty-two years now. Our children were spastic and mentally retarded. In our area there is the possibility of a grand school and treatment unit *but* to achieve this, both handicapped groups will be involved.

Much to my surprise, the offer may be

turned down by the parents as their children are only spastic, and have no wish whatever to associate with the mentally retarded.

How would the parents feel if they knew I was the parent of a mentally retarded child? Would they still require my services? I've taken some bad knocks in my time, but in my work I accept mental, spastic, thalidomide and blind children, and it sickens me to find parents can be so snobbish over their children's handicaps. It's worse than the colour-bar. In the sight of God and in my eyes too, all children are equal. There is no discrimination. Some spastic children have both handicaps but are unaware until the doctor breaks the news to them. When you have reared one for twenty-one years you know all the little tell-tale signs. Even then some parents will not accept the verdict.

My sympathy goes to all of them in their setbacks, but please if you wish people to continue in this vocation, stop driving everyone into factories, and the big money and respect each other's handicaps, and stop this snobbish manner.

I've just been reading the July issue of SPASTICS NEWS especially the report on St. Vincents Hospital. Many are the children I've fed from there who have enjoyed our parties with the mentally handicapped at Westminster each year.

I remain, your faithfully, Mrs. 'X'.

### PEN PAL

Dear Editor,

I would like, if possible, to write to a spastic girl or boy—about 16-20. I myself am a spastic, but can get about—I do go to work, too.

My hobbies are: folk music, wireless, watching television—I sometimes play the organ at the local Sunday School. Also I am taking art lessons.

I am having this letter written for me by my friend, Myrtle Wilson.

Yours sincerely, PAUL GILBERT, Minstrel's Way, Towersey, Oxon.



(Photo: Yorkshire Newspapers)

At the Leeds Centre opening, reported in last month's 'News', Lady Masham herself in a wheelchair, toured the works and is seen here chatting to one of the lads



## Thoughts on the Doman Method

by SHEILA FOX, S.R.N.  
(Social Worker, West Region)

SOCIETY OWES it to all handicapped people to help them to fulfil their individual potential. Through the strenuous and unrelenting care of parents and families and the improvement of the Health, Welfare and Education Services, much is being achieved.

In such a treatment as that of the Doman's method, is sufficient attention paid to the real needs of the individual? How does he respond to the ceaseless demands the training makes on him? What freedom does he have in accepting or rejecting this intense pressure?

What are the true reactions of the other children? There are strong ambivalent feelings in all human relationships. Do such pressures on the entire family increase the aggressive feelings of the other members of the family? One would suggest that this is likely to happen and if these feelings are repressed, it bodes ill for the ultimate mental health of the family.

The future care of the handicapped rests in the hands of those who are fortunate in having their health. They will not hesitate to accept the challenge, but their attitude may be sweetened or embittered according to their own personal experiences.

If, in their own lives, their contact with the handicapped in their own families has been a wise and generous one, then their overall attitude to the care of those less fortunate will be on a more willing and outgoing basis than it might be had they suffered the severe restriction and deprivation that can occur in the homes of some handicapped people.

This is why the approach to such a treatment as the Doman method should be thought through with the greatest of care, never losing sight of the needs of all the family and not those of the handicapped alone.

### NORWEGIAN C.P.-P.G.

Twenty-year-old Egil Wolf wants to live with a family in London as paying guest to learn English. Ambulant but needs help dressing, toilet, etc. Wants to become a teacher or interpreter. Lives nr. Bergen. Active member of local Red Cross Unit.

Enquiries please to:—

MRS. P. JOHNSON,  
Welfare Officer,  
The B.R.C.S.,  
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## 'RHESUS BABY' at GUY'S

A 'RHESUS BABY' whose progress is being watched in the Cerebral Palsy Assessment Centre, Guy's Hospital, is seen here reaching out for toys, but still holding on to the walking bars. The talcum powder footprints, seen in the left-hand corner, are measured on each visit to check on walking progress.

This little boy had three exchange blood transfusions, and showed signs of mild C.P.—but his brain has been saved almost intact—Dr. Peter Robson, the Deputy Director of the P.R.U. at Guy's Hospital, who sent us this interesting item, says that they now have to 'wait and see' how he goes on.

The walking bars were made by the staff of the Belvedere Power Station where the technical experts combined their resources when they heard that a local child needed the bars. Later they were presented to the Unit for use there and elsewhere in the hospital. The Power Station men have made more complex hospital apparatus, for in recent years they constructed an 'all-purpose' bed for their local hospital which has been so much used that they have just had to replace the gear wheels.

We are happy to think that people like the men at Belvedere are behind us in our work for the Cerebral Palsied child.

by  
Dr. Peter  
Robson,  
M.B., B.S.,  
A.K.C., D.C.H.



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# Social Work and Employment Department

## NEW APPOINTEES

**Miss Pamela Bailey** has recently been appointed Careers Advisory Officer for Yorkshire and the North. She has come to us from Sheffield Public Health Department, Welfare of Handicapped Persons Service, where she worked as a Social Worker. Previously she was with the Ministry of Labour from where she moved on to take the National Certificate in Social Work Training at Leeds College of Commerce.

**Miss Ann Clark** joined the Society on 1st June as a Social Worker (Adults). Previously she had been employed as the Personnel Officer in a factory in Romford for 18 months. Prior to this industrial experience she worked as a Mental Health Social Worker for 2½ years after seven years in the nursing profession where she qualified as an S.R.N. and R.M.N.

**Mr. Harold Combes** joined the Social Work and Employment Department.

ment as a Placement Officer in June. He served an engineering apprenticeship, later moving on to Personnel and Training. His experience has mainly been in the aircraft industry and for the past eight years he has been working in the Personnel Management Field. He is an Associate Member of the Institute of Personnel Management and a Member of the Institute of Supervisory Management. He is married and lives in Acton.

**Miss Patricia Davis** has recently joined us as Regional Social Worker for Yorkshire. Miss Davis has worked as Area Superintendent Health Visitor for Lancashire County Council for the past four years and previously as Health Visitor with the same authority. She has had wide experience in nursing fields and is a qualified S.R.N. and S.C.M. She holds the Health Visitor's Certificate and is the Secretary of the Health Visitors' Association for the Preston and District area. Miss Davis has been interested in The Spastics Society for the past 10 years and has, until recently, been on the Irton Hall Management Committee.

**Miss Margaret Ellis** has recently been appointed Careers Advisory Officer for the North West. Miss Ellis studied Social Administration at Manchester University and has since worked as a Child Care Officer in Nottinghamshire and at Wallasey. She is Treasurer of the Merseyside Branch of the Association of Social Workers.

**Miss Daphne Fort** has also recently been appointed as a Placement Officer. She has worked as a self-employed manufacturer's agent, a supervisor of field staff for Unilever Ltd., a staff interviewer for a business agency, and has also had experience in market research, personnel work and administration. She has come to us from the Industrial Society where she has been employed as Administrative Secretary and her duties have included visiting industrial and commercial organisations all over the country.

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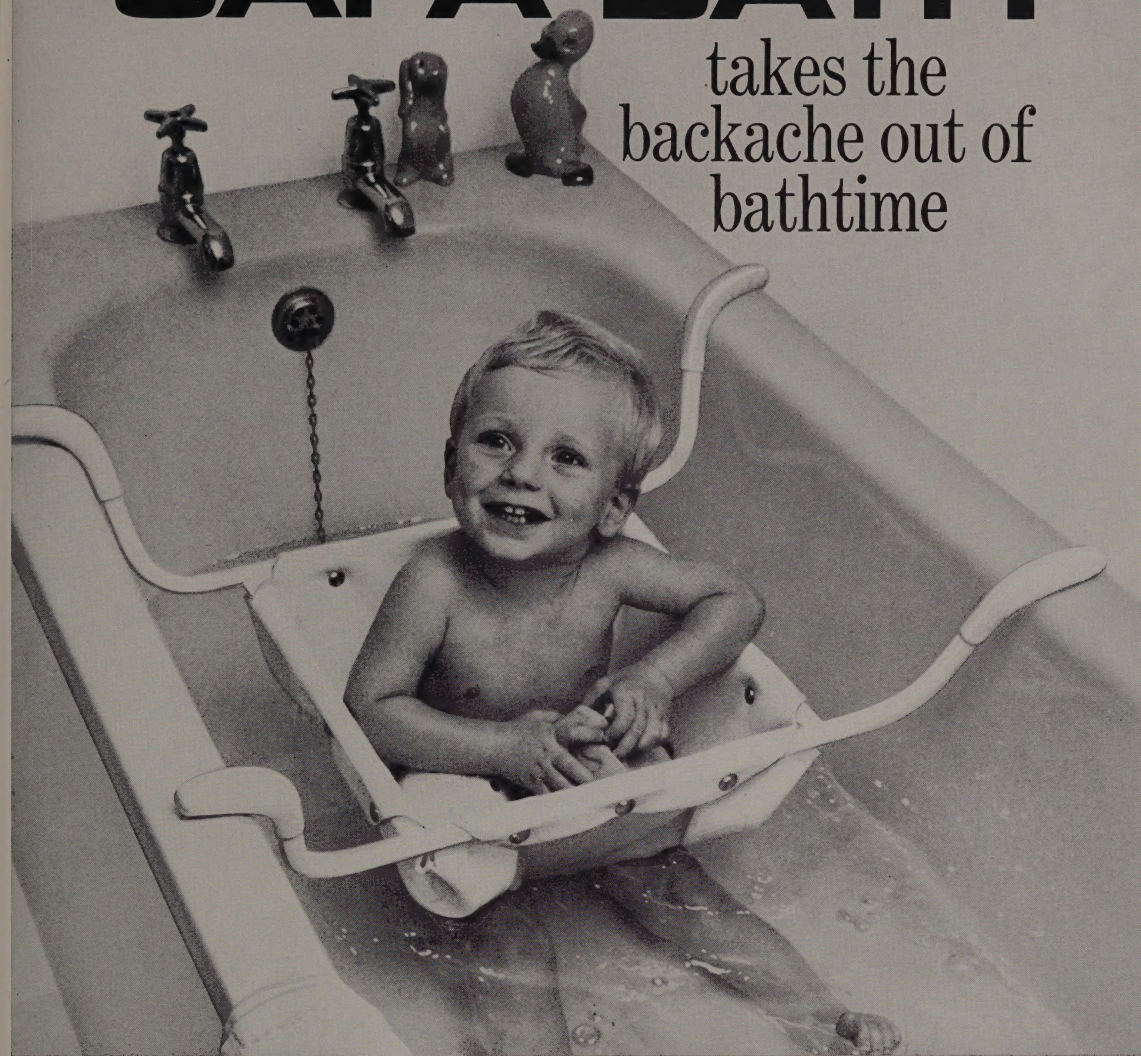
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